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DRUG SMUGGLERS “TAKEN TO THE CLEANERS” COUNTERFEIT LEVIS FOUND ALONG THE WAY

San Diego, CA: In three separate seizures in the last 24 hours, Border Patrol Agents seized 330 lbs. of marijuana and 361 pairs of counterfeit Levi's Jeans. In the first incident, nervousness and fear alerted the Agents at the San Clemente Border Patrol Checkpoint on I-5 to the driver of a blue over silver Ford Aerostar minivan. The driver, who was visibly trembling, spoke hesitantly when initially questioned regarding his citizenship. Upon further investigation in secondary inspection, agents discovered over 361 pairs of counterfeit Levi's jeans. The individual was placed under arrest and subsequently was turned over to the San Diego Sheriff's Department with the jeans.

In a separate incident yesterday, agents working in the Boulevard area used infrared scopes to covertly identify narcotics traffickers entering the United States. The scope directed the agents to the location of the smugglers who were carrying backpacks of marijuana. Using the element of surprise, agents quickly and safely arrested the unsuspecting drug traffickers without incident. Three individuals were arrested and agents seized 268 lbs. of marijuana, valued at \$93,800. The marijuana and individuals were remanded to the custody of Operation Alliance.

This morning, Border Patrol Agents working at the Highway 94 checkpoint encountered a silver, 1986 Oldsmobile. In secondary inspection an exterior K-9 sniff was conducted on the vehicle and alerted agents to the rear driver's side door and the rear bumper. Further inspection of these areas revealed 62 lbs. of cellophane wrapped marijuana valued at \$21,700. The marijuana and the individual, a citizen of Mexico, were turned over to Operation Alliance.